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This is the time of the year when Jews demonstrate their religious affiliation by attending synagogue *en masse*. Some look forward to it, some do it grudgingly, and some do it with neither a positive nor negative attitude—it is simply a part of their yearly regimen. Without admitting it, I believe we all secretly harbor the hope that something in the service will inspire us, will affect us deeply and profoundly, and will result in our living a more fulfilling life. That would be absolutely wonderful, but if it happens, it will only happen for a very few. Inspiration of any sort is very hard to come by.

And so, after *Yom Kippur* most of us will return to our routines, lapsing into the same behavioral patterns that we have exhibited throughout our lives. A very few may change incrementally for the better, but only time will tell if this change is short-term or will endure. In terms of our religious behavior, the next holiday on our horizon is *Hanukkah*, then perhaps *Purim*, and of course, *Pesach*.

Change does not come easy to any of us, but there is an opportunity for change—a tangible change—right around the corner, and all of us can accomplish it without too much difficulty this year.

Five days after *Yom Kippur* we celebrate *Sukkot*. This year *Sukkot* falls on a weekend (October 11th & 12th), so you won't even have to miss a day of work or school to celebrate it.

What will you find if you come to the *Sukkot* service? Known in rabbinic terminology as *Chag*, the holiday *par excellence*, the contrast between the formality of the High Holy Days services and the relaxed sense of joy that accompanies *Sukkot* is palpable.

- The shul is decorated in fall harvest regalia, as is the *Sukkah*. (Don't forget to stay for the *Kiddush* after the service!)

- There is a simple, moving beauty to the ritual of waving the *Lulav* and *Etrog*, and marching with them in procession around the shul. (Just as we don't use the *shofar* when *Rosh HaShannah* and *Shabbat* coincide, the same holds true for use of the *Lulav* on *Shabbat*.)
- The rich blue-green curtain that covers the Ark on *Sukkot* (and on *Pesach* and *Shavuot*, too) defies description, with the warmth of its unique color contrasting with its golden embroidery.
- Different melodies await you. Some of the tunes may be unfamiliar to you at first, because each of the holidays has its own *nusah* (liturgical motif) that will grow on you.

What will you take with you from the service? In general, I would say that those who have made attendance at *Sukkot* services a part of their religious routine come away with an abiding sense of community. Having spent so

much intense time in synagogue less than a week before, they find that *Sukkot* serves as a wonderful counterpoint to the High Holy Days.

Some years ago, a congregant who had just attended a *Sukkot* service (because she was invited to the Bar Mitzvah) told me that she had forgotten how beautiful the service was.

Thereafter, she and her family made *Sukkot* a part of their religious routine, purchasing a *Lulav* and *Etrog* set to further enhance their participation.

If *Rosh HaShanah* and *Yom Kippur* are holidays for the mind, a time of intense introspection, then *Sukkot* is a holiday for our senses, a time to experience the sense of celebratory joy within a communal context.

Please consider this a personal invitation from all the clergy, staff and the leadership of the congregation to come to shul on *Sukkot*.

**Kenneth A. Stern,
Rabbi**

SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES October 2003

Friday evening, October 3 6:15 p.m.

Shabbat Shuvah

Saturday morning, October 4

Hashkama Service 7:30 a.m.

Sanctuary Service 9:15 a.m.

Guest Speaker: Rabbi Reuven Hammer
Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Ian Rubin,
son of Laura and Barry Rubin

Havurah Service 9:30 a.m.

Shabbat B'yachad 10:00 a.m.

Yom Kippur Services Minhah Service

Sunday afternoon, October 5 1:30 p.m.

Kol Nidre Service

Sunday evening, October 5 6:30 p.m.

Yom Kippur

Monday morning, October 6 9:00 a.m.

Sukkot Services Erev Sukkot

Friday evening, October 10 6:15 p.m.

Followed by a Congregational Shabbat Dinner in the Sukkah
(by advance reservation only)

First Day of Sukkot

Saturday morning, October 11

Hashkama Service 7:30 a.m.

Sanctuary Service 9:15 a.m.

Bat Mitzvah of Isabella Blaze Newman,
daughter of Tina and Steven Newman

Havurah Service 9:30 a.m.

Tot Shabbat 11:15 a.m.

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SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES

October 2003 (continued)

Saturday evening, October 11 6:00 p.m.
 Followed by Young Couples Dinner in the Sukkah
 (by advance reservation only)

Second Day of Sukkot

Sunday morning, October 12
 Hashkama Service 7:30 a.m.
 Sanctuary Service 9:15 a.m.

Sunday evening, October 12 5:45 p.m.
 Followed by Men's Club Dinner in the Sukkah
 (by advance reservation only)

Hoshanah Rabbah

Friday morning, October 17 6:30 a.m.

SHEMINI ATZERET SERVICES

Erev Shemini Atzeret

Friday evening, October 17 6:15 p.m.

Shemini Atzeret

Saturday morning, October 18
 Hashkama Service 7:30 a.m.
 Sanctuary Service 9:15 a.m.

*Bar Mitzvah of Evan Pearlstein Wacht,
 son of Meryl Pearlstein and James Wacht
 Yizkor Memorial Service*

SIMHAT TORAH SERVICES

Erev Simhat Torah

Saturday evening, October 18 6:00 p.m.

Simhat Torah

Sunday morning, October 19
 Hashkama Service 7:30 a.m.
 Sanctuary Service 9:15 a.m.

Honoring Robert Becker and Heidi Silverstone

Sunday evening, October 19 5:45 p.m.

Children's October Birthday Celebration

Friday evening, October 24 6:15 p.m.

Saturday morning, October 25
 Hashkama Service 7:30 a.m.
 Sanctuary Service "Shabbat Plus" 9:15 a.m.

*Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Seth Parker,
 son of Ronnie and David Parker*

Friday evening, October 31 6:15 p.m.

Saturday morning, November 1
 Hashkama Service 7:30 a.m.
 Sanctuary Service 9:15 a.m.

*Bar Mitzvah of Preston Weisbrot,
 son of Elysa and Michael Weisbrot*

Havurah Service 9:30 a.m.
 Shabbat B'yachad 10:00 a.m.

Rabbi David H. Lincoln, Rabbi Kenneth A. Stern and Rabbi Paulette R. Gross will preach and conduct the services together with Cantor David Lefkowitz and Cantor Nancy Abramson and the Synagogue Choir, with Neil Robinson at the organ.

From the Chairman



I hope all of you enjoyed your *Rosh HaShanah* and found meaning in the beautiful way our Rabbis and Cantors conducted the services. The Board of Trustees started off the year with our first meeting on September 18th. At this time, the Board, composed of 8 officers, Honorary officers, 28 trustees, and 25 Advisory Council members, divided into groups to analyze ways to make the synagogue a more meaningful place for all its members. Based on our analysis, we discussed goals for the coming year and for the next five years. Over the next few months, I will use this column to share with you projects that are being implemented to achieve these defined objectives. Our goals are only attainable if we all support the synagogue both financially and by our presence. As we reflect on the coming year during Yom Kippur services, I hope we will all decide to give a little more and be here a little more often. Park Avenue Synagogue is a terrific community, and it is all of you, its devoted members, who make it so. Have an easy fast.

Amy A. B. Bressman,
Chairman of the Board

All About Sukkot and Simhat Torah

The festival of *Sukkot* derives its name from the *sukkah*, the temporary dwelling or booth built especially for the holiday. Says the Book of Leviticus: "I did cause the children of Israel to dwell in booths when I brought them out of the Land of Egypt." The *sukkah* is, therefore, a reminder to all generations of God's redemption of the Jewish people from Egyptian slavery.

Sukkot is also a festival of thanksgiving for the final ingathering of the

harvest in the Land of Israel. Some of its symbols clearly recall the Land and its produce: The four *minim*, or species, consist of an *etrog*, a *lulav*, myrtles and willows. The *lulav* is a branch of the palm tree and is bound together with three short branches of myrtle leaves (*hadasim*) and two branches of the willow tree (*aravot*). The *etrog* looks like a large lemon, but it smells and tastes much sweeter. It has a *pitom*, a small protuberance, at its end. The rabbis teach that binding these different species together serves as an example to us of how all Jews, different though we

may be from one another, must be bound together into one unit.

A blessing is said over the *minim* at two points in the morning service, during *Hallel*, right after morning *Amidah*, and during *Hoshanot*, each day of the holiday, except on *Shabbat*, when we march around the synagogue with them in a magnificent procession.

The festival of *Sukkot* begins on the 15th day of *Tishri*, and the first two days are observed as major festival days. The next five days are *Hol Hamoed*, the Intermediate Days of the festival. These days are half-holidays; while most labor is permitted, except, of course, on the Sabbath, we continue to eat meals in the *sukkah* and to make the blessings over the four *minim*, waving them during the recitation of the *Hallel* and when marching with them during the hymns (*Hoshanot*).

At Park Avenue Synagogue, our Ritter Sukkah, named in memory of Gerald and May Ellen Ritter, is constructed on the roof and decorated by the Congregational Parents' Association. A kiddush takes place in the Ritter Sukkah following every service during *Sukkot*, and dinner is served there almost every night of *Sukkot*.

The eighth day of *Sukkot* is treated as a separate holiday in and of itself and is called *Shemini Atzeret*, the "Eighth Day of Assembly." We no longer eat in the *sukkah*, and in Israel prayers for rain are recited during the service. The Yizkor Memorial Prayers are also recited on *Shemini Atzeret*.

Shemini Atzeret is followed by the joyous festival of *Simhat Torah*, the "Rejoicing of Torah." It is during the morning service on *Simhat Torah* that the last verse and the first verse of the Torah are read, a bold demonstration of our belief that the study of Torah is never-ending. We march joyfully in *hakafot* (processions), in which we carry the Scrolls of the Law.

PARK AVENUE SYNAGOGUE YOUTH AND HIGH SCHOOL SERVICES October 2003

High School Service

Saturday, October 4th 10:30 a.m.

Sukkah Decorating Program

Sunday, October 5th 9 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Toddler Services (Ages 1-3 with parents or grandparents)

Kol Nidre

Sunday, October 5th 6:30 p.m.-7:15 p.m.

Yom Kippur

Monday, October 6th 11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Ages 4-14 Services (Pre-K-9th Grade)

Kol Nidre

Sunday, October 5th 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Yom Kippur

Monday, October 6th 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Services for 10th Grade High School Students Through College Seniors

Kol Nidre

Sunday, October 5th 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Yom Kippur

Monday, October 6th 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Sukkot Junior Congregation Service

Saturday, October 11th 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

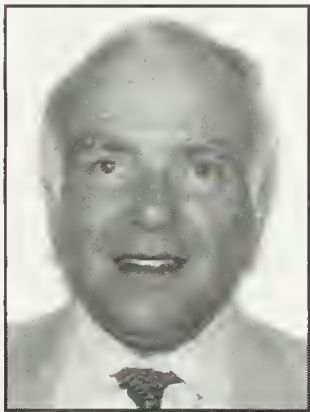
Reminders for Kol Nidre

- "Sneak into Shul" It is customary not to wear leather shoes.
- Sneak in Early The service must begin promptly at 6:30 p.m.
- Bring Your Talit The only night of the year on which we wear a Talit.

Robert Becker and Heidi Silverstone To Be Honored This Simhat Torah

During *Simhat Torah*, it is customary for congregations to honor two members who have contributed in important ways to the life of their synagogue and/or the Jewish community in which they live. In accordance with this Jewish tradition, this year during the *Simhat Torah* service on Sunday, October 19th, the 23rd day of *Tishri* 5764, the Park Avenue Synagogue will honor two such special congregants: Robert Becker will be called to the Torah as *Hatan Torah* and then Heidi Silverstone will be called to the Torah as *Kallah Bereshit*.

Robert Becker



Robert Becker and his family have been active members of Park Avenue Synagogue for over 20 years. Robert has served as President of the

Men's Club and now enthusiastically participates with the Congregational Singers and in Mitzvah Sunday. His wife, Lucy, has been President of WEG and now serves on its board; she was also involved in the Parents' Association when their children Nancy, now 27, and Jonathan, now 25, were in the Congregational School. But Robert's involvement in Conservative Judaism began long before, nurtured by his family as he was growing up in Syracuse, New York, where the family belonged to the Conservative synagogue. Robert has passed his love of Judaism on to his own children, who became Bar Mitzvah and Bat Mitzvah at Park Avenue Synagogue. And he demonstrates his devotion in the commu-

nity: A lawyer in New York City, Robert finds time to belong to the Trial Lawyers section of United Jewish Appeal and to march in the Salute to Israel Parade. "I am honored to be named Hatan Torah," he says. "Park Avenue Synagogue has provided my family and me with an opportunity for intergenerational involvement, a place where we always feel welcomed and comfortable, and a variety of religious, cultural and social activities to participate in."

Heidi Silverstone



Heidi Silverstone and her husband, Rob, have been members of Park Avenue Synagogue for almost ten years. During this time, Heidi

and her family, which now includes Michael, 9, and Max, 6, have become increasingly involved in Synagogue life, and have also deepened their practice of Judaism at home. As a family, the Silverstones attend services, study (the boys attended the Early Childhood Center and are now in the Congregational School), and have helped to decorate the *Sukkah*. Heidi is a Trustee, and was instrumental in founding the Synagogue's Young Couples' Group; she has also co-chaired Mitzvah Sunday, which was "great fun and very rewarding." Heidi attributes her deepening involvement at Park Avenue Synagogue to the supportive clergy and to the family-friendly, inclusive atmosphere that has evolved. "This is more than a place to attend services," she says. "There are classes, *tzedakah* projects, committees, and more." Her personal Jewish growth has been enriched by the clergy, who were helpful when she began keeping a Kosher home a few years

ago and when she prepared to read from the Torah at her nephew's Bar Mitzvah. "My parents set me on the right path, and the clergy have helped me to continue my Jewish journey," she says.

Synagogue Family

October B'nai Mitzvah

Jacob Ian Rubin
October 4, 2003



Jake Rubin has attended the Park Avenue Synagogue Congregational School since kindergarten and enjoys studying Jewish history and

current events. This September, Jake entered the eighth grade at the Windward School in White Plains, New York. Jake attended The Horace Mann School through seventh grade and was a member of the Middle School football and tennis teams. Jake is an avid sportsman and sports fan and is known for his encyclopedic knowledge of sports information and statistics. Jake has spent the past five summers at Camp Takajo in Naples, Maine, where he plays baseball, basketball, hockey and tennis. Jake is grateful to the clergy, his teachers at the Congregational School, and his family for helping him to reach this important milestone.

Isabella Blaze Newman
October 11, 2003



Isabella Blaze Newman is a third-generation member of the Park Avenue Synagogue community. She was given her

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Hebrew name by Rabbi David Lincoln in a ceremony held in the Main Sanctuary two years after he married her parents there. She began her Jewish education in the Park Avenue Synagogue Early Childhood Center and has attended the Congregational School since kindergarten. Izzy hopes to continue her religious studies at the Rabbi Judah Nadich High School next year. Isabella attends The Dalton School. In addition to her academic subjects, she plays team sports, and enjoys skiing, competitive swimming, and the arts. Izzy participated in a piano recital at Steinway Hall, volunteers at The Salvation Army and is a second-degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do. Always a priority, Izzy looks forward to spending time with her friends. This past summer was her fourth as a third-generation camper at Pine Forest Camp in Pennsylvania and she looks forward to her special family trip to Mexico this winter. Isabella Blaze traces her heritage to Yechezkel Landau, the Grand Rabbi of Prague during the 1700s, the foundation of a brave and enduring family. She is proud that both her grandfathers fought valiantly in World War II and are here to celebrate this special occasion. Today, Izzy has relatives in Israel, Europe and the U.S. She is excited to become a Bat Mitzvah on *Sukkot* and would like to thank the Park Avenue Synagogue Rabbis, Cantors, and teachers for guiding her religious and spiritual development toward this special day.

Evan Pearlstein Wacht
October 18, 2003



A graduate of Park Avenue Synagogue Early Childhood Center, Evan Wacht has been a student at the Park Avenue Synagogue Congregational School for the past eight years. Evan is a seventh grader at the Browning School, where he is active in the Chess Club, baseball and soccer, theater and computer. Evan loves spectator sports, with a special passion for the Yankees and the Jets. Personally, he thrives on the excitement of pitching for his Little League team, playing singles or doubles tennis, or organizing a game of family Frisbee. During the summers, Evan attends Camp Androscoggin in Maine, where he enjoys sailing and movie-making. Evan also adores Broadway and has seen nearly 20 plays. *Hairspray*, *Rent* and *Mamma Mia* are his favorites. Evan studied theater with the Ta Da! Children's group in New York and last November was part of a group of children from across the U.S. who auditioned and were selected to perform on Camp Broadway's float in the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade. Evan loves little kids and can be found teaching them games at the beach, reading stories to them, or showing them how to scooter... when he is not hanging out with his little brother, Elias. He also enjoys travel and has fond memories of his

visits to London, Las Vegas, Provence and Vermont. Evan would like to thank his teachers and the clergy for helping him prepare to become a Bar Mitzvah and his parents and brother for supporting him through the many hours of study.

Joshua Seth Parker
October 25, 2003



Joshua Parker has been attending services at Park Avenue Synagogue since his *brit milah*. He began his Hebrew education eight years ago in the P.A.S. Gan and is looking forward to attending the Rabbi Judah Nadich Hebrew High School. Joshua is an eighth grader who has been going to Horace Mann since nursery years. At school, he enjoys meeting the challenges he encounters in his numerous subjects and spending time with his friends. His favorite subjects are science, history and math. He is also on the Middle School baseball and wrestling teams, and is looking forward to beginning cross-country running this fall. A few of Joshua's hobbies are fishing and baseball card collecting. He has caught many big fish (including an eight-foot sailfish) all over the world. He also has a large autographed baseball collection, which he holds close to his heart. At home, Josh likes to play chess with his father and bake

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assorted treats with his mother. Josh is also well traveled: He has seen many things, from the Western Wall of Jerusalem to the Alhambra of Spain. He also takes ski trips to Beaver Creek over New Year's with his cousins, aunt and uncle. He has experienced the hot sun of the Caribbean many times, which is where he catches most of his fish. Josh is proud of many things about his becoming a Bar Mitzvah. First and foremost, Josh will be reading all seven *aliyot* of *Bereshit* along with *Haftarah Machar Chodesh*. He is proud that his family and friends will be with him on this special day.

With Pride and Congratulations

Park Avenue Synagogue extends a hearty mazel tov to:

- Joan and Howard Goldberg upon the engagement of their son, Andrew, to Lauren May.
- Mrs. Benjamin Levitt upon the retirement of her son, Colonel (Dr.) Morton H. Levitt, from the U.S. Air Force. Dr. Levitt was awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and is now Associate Professor of Pathology and Program Director at



Rabbi David H. Lincoln and former Chairman of the Board Alan Levine at the Ghetto Memorial, Warsaw, Poland, May 2003.

the Florida State University College of Medicine in Tallahassee, Florida.

- Sally-Beth Kruteck and Andrew Siegel upon the birth of their daughter, Jemma Sea Seigel, on August 6th.
- Rabbi David H. Lincoln and former Chairman of the Board Alan Levine upon being asked by the Polish Government to represent Park Avenue Synagogue at the 60th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.

Welcome to P.A.S.

Park Avenue Synagogue warmly welcomes these new members into our congregational family:

Dr. Samuel Bender & Ms. Ellen Friedman, Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Bloom, Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Chasin, Ms. Arlene Meyer Cohen, Mrs. Jaime Cohen, Dr. & Mrs. Jonathan Cohen, Drs. Michael & Ilona Cohen, Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Cowen, Mrs. Clara Diamant-Sujo, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Dichter, Dr. & Mrs. Robert Dolman, Mr. & Mrs. Gary Eder, Dr. David Friedman & Mrs. Melanie Roy-Friedman, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Friedman, Ms. Karen Friedman, Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Furman, Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Gelb, Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Gendel, Mr. & Mrs. Russell Gewirtz, Mr. & Ms. Glenn Goldstein, Dr. Ethan Gologor, Mr. & Mrs. Jason Gorman, Mrs. Adele Habousha, Mr. Steven Haft & Ms. Lisa Birnbach, Mr. Brian Hermann & Mrs. Carin Saperstein-Hermann, Mr. & Mrs. David King, Mr. & Mrs. Mark Kingsley, Rabbi David Kirshner, Mr. & Mrs. Alan Klein, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Klein, Mr. Philippe Laub, Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Leibowitz,

Mr. Scott & Ms. Alisa Lessing, Mr. & Mrs. Marc Lipschultz, Mr. Joshua Lurie & Ms. Abbe Goldstein, Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Mark, Dr. Sheryl Miller, Dr. & Mrs. David Nadler, Mr. & Ms. John Philipp, Mr. & Mrs. Joshua Prensky, Mr. & Ms. Jeffrey Schackner, Mr. Ruvin Schwartz, Mr. Benjamin Segenreich & Ms. Laurie Hutner, Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Shapiro, Mr. Eytan Shapiro & Ms. Lesley-Anne Gliedman, Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Silpe, Mr. & Mrs. Howard Siskin, Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Soiefer, Dr. Mark Speaker & Dr. Jodi Abramson, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Staff, Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm Stein, Mr. Michael Sudnow & Mrs. Risa Cohen, Mrs. Adele Suslak, Mr. David Swersky & Mrs. Jayne Soslano, Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Taubin, Mr. & Mrs. Harry Wagner, Mr. & Mrs. Peter Weidman, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Weiss.

Condolences

Park Avenue Synagogue extends heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved of our congregation and to their families:

Murray Berman on the passing of his wife, Millicent;
Ketty Setton-Levantrosser on the passing of her mother, Rivka Medini;
Marilyn & James Simons on the passing of their son, Nicholas;
Dr. Bernard Weiss on the passing of his wife, Doris.

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P.A.S. Happenings

Celebrate in the Sukkah with the Young Couples Group

The Young Couples Group will be hosting a fun-filled dinner and evening in the P.A.S. Ritter Sukkah on **Saturday, October 11** after services (approximately 7:00 p.m.). We hope you'll join us! For more information, or to RSVP, please call or email Suzette Rubinstein, President, at (212) 426-3816, arubinstein5@nyc.rr.com, or Sheri Bleustein, Vice President, at (212) 717-6496, smbleustein@aol.com.

The Men's Club Wants You!

Mark your calendar and join the Men's Club at our upcoming programs and events:

- Dinner in the beautiful P.A.S. Sukkah, Sunday **October 12** (reserve in advance by calling the Synagogue office);
- Our regular monthly meeting, Tuesday, **October 21** at 7 p.m. (no reservation necessary).

Ellen Alt: Art Opening and Exhibit

Join us as we celebrate and officially welcome Ellen Alt to the P.A.S. community as our Artist-In-Residence on Thursday evening, **October 23**, 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Enjoy a glass of wine as you browse through the exhibit of her work on display in the halls of P.A.S. Selections will include mixed-media collages and other Judaic-based work. Explanations and guided tours will be provided by the artist throughout the evening. Congregational and High School students are encouraged to attend to experience and explore the professional art work of their teacher. All welcome. An evening not to miss!

Raise Your Voices with the Congregational Singers

For a great musical experience and a lot of fun, all are welcome to join the Congregational Singers, a volunteer group of members and friends of Park Avenue Synagogue. Rehearsal for Shabbat Morning Plus will take place on Tuesday, **October 21**, 7:00-8:15 p.m. We will also soon begin preparing for a Musicales to be held on Sunday, December 7th. Rehearsals will take place on Tuesdays, **November 4, 11, 18, 25** and **December 2**, 7:00 p.m.- 8:15 p.m.

Calling All Children with October Birthdays

Bring Shabbat into your children's lives by celebrating their birthdays at P.A.S. All children with October birthdays will be called up to the bimah and honored at our October Birthday Celebration Service, **Friday evening, October 24 at 6:15 p.m.** Come as a family and celebrate. Call Rabbi Kenneth Stern's office for more information.

Celebrating a Simcha?

A birthday, anniversary, engagement, wedding, new grandchild, etc? Sponsor a breakfast kiddush any weekday after our Morning Minyan! Call Naomi Lipnick in the synagogue office for more information (212) 369-2600.

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Family Education / Kehillah Programs

Sukkah Decorating Workshop

Sunday, October 5th

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Join artist-in-residence Ellen Alt as she helps us fulfill the *mitzvah* of decorating the *Sukkah*. Meet on the 6th floor roof. All ages welcome.

Family Education/Kehillah Dinner in the Sukkah

Thursday, October 16th

6:30 p.m.

Reservations required; please call the main office to reserve your place.

Bein Kodesh L'Chol

Havdallah program

Saturday, October 25th

Featuring *Bat Kol* and Brian Gelfand, our Congregational School music teacher, and his renowned Jewish music group. *Mincha/Maariv* at 6 p.m. *Havdallah* and concert to follow.

Tot Shabbat

Saturdays, October 11th & 25th
11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

A semi-monthly service for young children and their families. A wonderful opportunity for toddlers and pre-school children to celebrate Shabbat together with their parents, grandparents and friends. Very popular among our young families, these services attract a huge crowd and are a lot of fun. Come join us in prayer, song, story and movement as we celebrate Shabbat together. All Tot Shabbat services are held on the 5th floor.

Adult Study & Learning

Reservations required for all courses. Please call Sarah Gribetz at (212) 369-2600, x142 to reserve your place.

Rabbi Reuven Hammer, "New Light on Prayer"



Shabbat Shuvah, October 4, 9:15 AM
Rabbi Hammer joins us from Israel, where he serves as the

President of the International Rabbinical Assembly, the world-wide organization of Conservative Rabbis.

Making a Musical Child, Making a Musical Home

Jay Danzig / Tuesday, October 7, 7 PM / Free of Charge

Spend an evening with JAMSTTM founder, Jay Danzig, as he explores the importance of song in raising a Jewish child – a great way to learn ways to bring Jewish prayer, ritual and practice into the lives of even the youngest children. This course is of particular interest for those members enrolled in HaMishpachah Sheli or Jewish JAMSTTM or for parents with young children. All are welcome.

Immersion and Conversion

Rabbi Paulette Gross / Tuesdays, 7:15-8:45 PM starting Oct. 7 / \$150 members, \$200 non-members

This class is designed for those who wish to enrich their knowledge and those interested in pursuing conversion to Judaism. The class combines formal and informal educational experiences. Weekly readings will be assigned and class participation is essential.

Current Events Discussion Group (Hebrew School for Grown-Ups)

Misha Avramoff / Three Mondays, Oct. 20, 27 & Nov. 3, 6-7 PM / \$25 members, \$40 non-members
Find out why our high school students love their studies with Misha, as he leads this discussion on the Jewish view of world current events.

Class of '67 - Understanding Contemporary Jewish Events

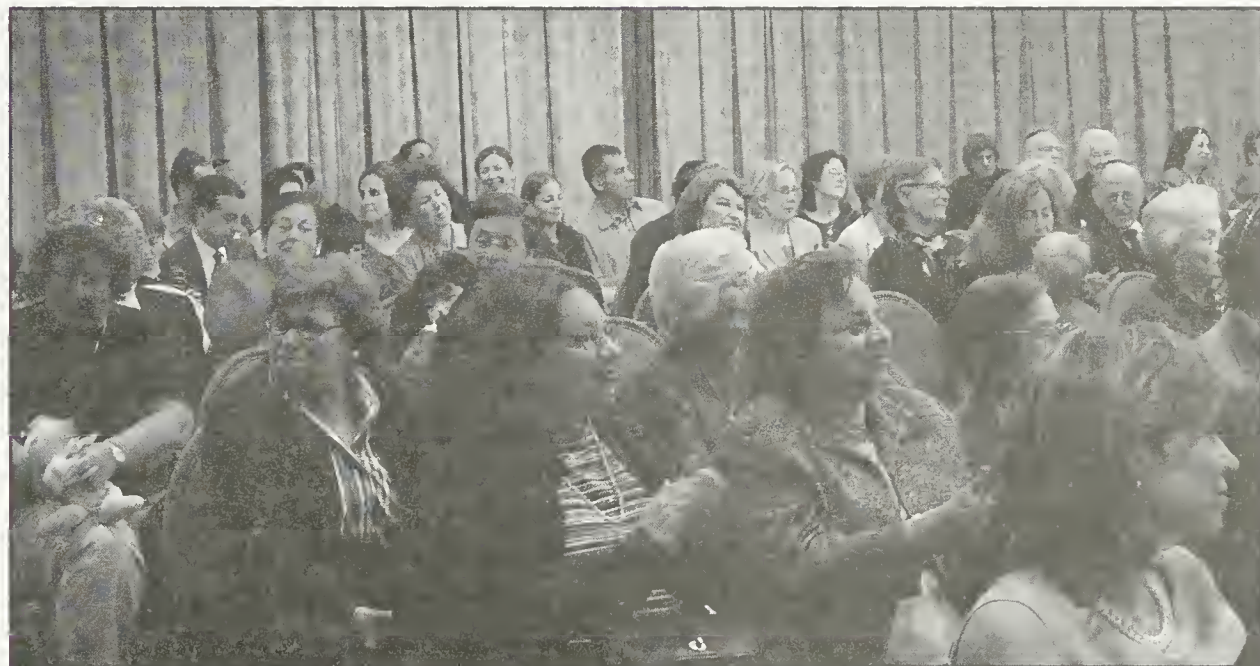
Jay Eidelman / Three Mondays, Oct. 20, 27 & Nov. 3, 7:30-9 PM / \$25 members, \$40 non-members
Join historian Dr. Jay M. Eidelman in an exploration of major events in post-World War II Jewish life. Learn how political and social events in Israel, at home, and abroad influence American Jews. Discuss current Jewish events from the perspective of Israeli-American relations.

learn how to chant Torah required.

Bimah Basics

Rabbi Kenneth Stern / Monday, October 20, 8 PM or November 10, 8 PM / Free of Charge

Getting up in front of the Congregation for a speaking or non-speaking part—even in the Chapel—can be a daunting prospect. A little bit of practice in a relaxed, supportive atmosphere can help to prepare you. This one-session course will give you an opportunity to learn and/or review the choreography and rituals of the *Bimah*. Skills will include opening and closing the *Aron* (ark), having an *Aliya* to the Torah, doing *Hagbaha* (raising the Torah) and *G'lila* (wrapping the Torah). Don't miss this opportunity to brush up on our *Bimah* skills or to learn them if you are a novice.



Torah Cantillation (Hebrew School for Grown-Ups)

Cantor Jenny Izenstark / Six Mondays, October 20, 27, November 3, 10, 17 & 24, 7:45-8:30 PM / \$25 members, \$40 non-members
This course provides a solid introduction to the skill of chanting Torah. Rudimentary knowledge of Hebrew (vowel and letter recognition a must) and a desire to

Tea and Poetry (Hebrew School for Grown-Ups)

Rifka Halperin / Three Tuesdays, Oct. 21, 28 & Nov. 4, 6-7 PM / \$25 members, \$40 non-members
Have a cup of tea while delving into contemporary Israeli poetry with our own Hebrew language and literature expert, Rifka Halperin. This course will be taught in English translation and will allow the

continued

student to engage in dialogue with the poets of modern Israel.

Understanding Genesis: Making the Bible Relevant to All

Dr. Susan Aranoff / Eight Tuesdays, Oct. 21 - Dec. 9, 7:45-9 PM / \$25 members, \$40 non-members
We will use Nahum Sarna's *Understanding Genesis* as a guide for studying the rich narratives of Creation, the Flood, the Tower of Babel and the lives of the matriarchs and patriarchs. Our approach, to use Sarna's words, will attempt to "make the Bible of Israel intelligible, relevant and, hopefully, inspiring to a sophisticated generation." Modern biblical scholarship will be examined in pursuit of a "keener understanding of the Hebrew Scriptures...and a deeper appreciation of their religious message." The Biblical text will be studied and referred to in its primary source, as well as in translation. All levels welcome.

It's Never Too Late: Adult Jewish Learning

An Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class with Rabbi Paulette Gross, Cantor Nancy Abramson, Sarah Gribetz and Renee Ghert-Zand / Wednesday mornings starting October 22, 10-11:30 AM / Free of Charge
Whether you are interested in fortifying your Jewish knowledge or becoming an adult bar or bat mitzvah, this class is for you! We will engage in a course of study designed to enhance understanding of our faith and traditions, and for those

interested, will culminate in participation in a special bar or bat mitzvah service specially crafted for the adult. Topics to be covered include: *Feeling at Home at Synagogue Services, Jewish Holidays and Festivals, The Laws of Keeping Kosher, Jewish Life Cycles, Traditions and Rituals, Women and Judaism, Introduction to Bible* as well as *Torah Cantillation Skills and Basic Hebrew*. This class is co-taught by members of the clergy and Education department on a rotating basis. This class is intended for ongoing students from last year as well as newcomers.



Give it a try! It provides a relaxed, intimate and non-judgmental environment to ask questions and explore your Jewish roots.

The Seven Habits of a Successful Jewish Family

Paula Gottlieb / Four Wednesdays, Oct. 22, 29 & Nov. 5, 12:15-1:15 PM & Nov. 12, 7:30 PM
\$25 members, \$40 non-members, Free for those in HaMishpachah Sheli or JAMSTTM
The family is central to the Jewish tradition. Our customs and rituals, holidays and weekly Shabbat observance are all focused on sharing critical moments within the context of

our families. Often we understand what we "should" be doing to enhance family participation but are not sure how to make it happen. Combining the wisdom of the Rabbinical teachings with principles of family systems therapy can help parents navigate through the complexities of raising Jewish children in an age of anxiety and uncertainty. This interactive workshop will offer participants useful tools and strategies to start integrating Jewish practice with a vibrant, healthy family life. Through readings, discussion and interactive exercises, partici-

pants will learn more about the Jewish tradition and how to integrate rituals and customs into family life effectively.

Beyond Beginners: A Hebrew Class

Varda Hubara / Wednesdays, 7:30-8:45 PM starting Oct. 22 / \$25 members, \$40 non-members
Speaking, grammar, biblical

passages, poetry, stories – this is a text-based class, conducted in Hebrew. Basic knowledge of reading, writing and vocabulary necessary. All levels beyond absolute beginners are welcome. A challenging and rewarding course for those serious about improving their command of the Hebrew language.

David: From Shepherd to Monarch to Israel's Greatest King, I Samuel 16 to II Samuel 7

Rabbi Joseph Brodie / Six Wednesdays, Oct. 22, 29, Nov. 5, 19, Dec. 3 & 10, 8-9:30 PM
\$25 members, \$40 non-members
David's ascent to Monarchy is mete-

oric. David can do no wrong. His relations with Saul's family are complex and emotional. Above all, David's contribution to Israel is everlasting.

Satisfying Portions: Once-A-Month Power Bites Of Torah

Rabbi Jennifer Krause / Thursdays monthly, 7-8:30 PM / Oct. 23, Nov. 20, Dec. 11 (at 6 PM), Jan. 22, Feb. 26, March 11, April 22 / \$25 members, \$40 non-members

Join us for an exciting look at the month's Torah portions. Once a month, through informal study and open dialogue, we will explore some of the most intriguing themes and

issues the text has to offer. Bring your insights, your curiosity, and your appetite for learning. Feed your mind and your soul with four memorable meals in one seating.

Before the Stork Arrives: A Class for Expectant Parents

Rabbi Kenneth Stern / Monday October 27 or December 8, 8 PM / Free of Charge

Spend a calm, leisurely hour with Rabbi Stern thinking and talking about Hebrew names, *brit milah*, baby-naming ceremonies, and *pidyon haben* before you have to make these decisions amidst the emotions and changes that come with the arrival of

your newborn.

Book Discussion Group

Pat Davidson / Monday October 27, 8 PM in the Library at P.A.S. / Free of Charge

Join us for our lively discussions! In October, we will talk about *Shira* by S.Y. Agnon. Please read *The 33rd Hour* by Michael Chalfetz for our next discussion on December 15.

Jews Within the World of Islam

Professor Sara Reguer / Thursday, October 30, 7 PM / Free of Charge

News from the Congregational School

Bringing Judaism Home

Hanan A. Alexander, head of the Center for Jewish Education at the University of Haifa, wrote in an opinion piece that appeared in a recent issue of *The Jerusalem Report* that "family education assumes that identity formation is an interactive, intergenerational process involving parents, children, siblings and communities." Its key insight is that in order to affect the individual child, we need to impact his or her entire environment.

Park Avenue Synagogue recognized the importance of Jewish family education a number of years ago, and consequently established the Family Education/Kehillah Committee (now a subcommittee of the synagogue's overall Education Committee). Recently, the activities of the committee have increased, and interest in family education has strengthened.

At the same time, the Congregational School, recognizing the importance of parental involvement, has been including parents in their children's learning through special holiday events and Family

Shabbat programs.

What is new this year, however, is a broader synthesis of the Congregational School, Family Education and Adult Education. While the school's family programming in the past focused primarily on the students' learning needs, this year it will also address the adult educational needs of our parents.

We are not only teaching Hannah's mom and dad because Hannah is our student; we are teaching Hannah's mom and dad because they are her parents. This is an important distinction, which focuses our aim to help parents "reclaim their traditional roles as Jewish teachers of their children." Indeed, Jewish learning empowers parents "to engage their children in what being Jewish means to them."

Therefore, we look forward to seeing Congregational School parents at the *Lomdim B'yachad* (Learning Together) and *Shabbat B'yachad* (Shabbat Together) pro-

grams offered throughout the year. Equally important is the opportunity for our parents to enroll in the "Hebrew School for Grown-Ups" and other P.A.S. adult education courses addressing the intellectual, philosophical, creative and practical needs and interests of the adult learner (with or without an already strong Jewish education back-



ground). It is true that the Sanctuary is in the synagogue, but it is our homes that our Sages called "mikdashei me'at," or small sanctuaries. The Jewish home needs to be, as A.J. Heschel put it, a place where Judaism is at home.

Quotations from "Education Begins at Home" by Hanan A. Alexander, *The Jerusalem Report*, September 8, 2003.

News from the Early Childhood Center

At the ECC, children and teachers are all set for a year of fun and learning. All of the children are settled into their new classrooms. The teachers started their year with workshops and classes on various topics. On September 8, Park Avenue Synagogue hosted a Professional Day at our school for the Early Childhood Education Department of the Board of Jewish Education. Teachers and directors from Jewish day and early childhood schools were invited to participate in a day of workshops. "Creativity and Brain Development," "Rosh HaShannah Through Puppetry," "Israel in your Heart," "Bringing Nature into the Classroom," "Folk Dancing," "Teaching Responsibility and Cooperation," and "What's Really Important in Early Childhood Education," were just some of the workshops offered. We're looking forward to celebrating *Sukkot* with all of our families. Each classroom has a meal or snack scheduled in the *Sukkah* during the holiday. It's a *mitzvah* to share a meal in the *sukkah*, so we hope to see you all the week of October 14th. Check with your classroom about the exact date and time.



News from Rabbi Judah Nadich High School

Later this month, Rutgers University will be hosting the 3rd Annual Divestment Conference. The existence and purpose of this conference is just one more example of the barrage of the anti-Israel, anti-Semitic war of propaganda that has



plagued even the best universities in the country over the past few years. Jewish organizations on many campuses are struggling to identify Jewish students and to prepare them with crucial information about Jewish History and the crisis in the Middle East. They are banding together to provide pro-Israel educational forums designed to engage Jews and non-Jews in an attempt to generate a recognizable pro-Israel presence. Additionally, Jewish population studies have proven that young adults who continue their Jewish education beyond their Bar/Bat Mitzvah are 60% more likely to remain active, as well as more informed, Jews on their college campus.¹



Here at Park Avenue Synagogue, we are also working hard to create educational opportunities to prepare our students for future college and adult life. Registration in our programs continues to thrive as our students participate in classes on Jewish History, Israel, Jewish Lifecycle and Ritual, and Social Justice. Additionally, our

11th and 12th graders are continuing with our special seminar series, in partnership with the ADL, which this year focuses on anti-Semitism.

To maximize our time with our students, we are providing a wide array

of classes and workshops to further expose them to the Jewish story and to the barrage of misconceptions and allegations they may face as they approach college. Enrollment for our High School programs is now open. Call Lisa Samick at 212-369-2600 ext 141 for more information.

¹1990 National Jewish Population Study sponsored by United Jewish Communities

Alumna News

CS Alumna Lauren Antler Instills Judaism in the Deep South

Our own Lauren Antler, who signed up for a two-year stint with Teach for America upon graduation from Brown University, was not surprised to be assigned a public-school position in a rural area, in this case the Mississippi Delta community of Greenville. But when she arrived, she realized that the tiny (65 family) Jewish community depended on volunteer Sunday school instructors, and she committed to an additional day of teaching—at the Hebrew Union Temple. Now, eight pupils in the one-room school benefit from Lauren's enthusiasm

for Judaism. Lauren, recently featured in an article in the *Forward*, was quoted as saying that she's "made a serious commitment to the Sunday school" [because] "I think it's important for kids growing up here to see someone young and making that choice to be Jewish." Lauren's own Jewish education began at our Congregational School. She and her twin sister, Ashley, daughters of Carol and P.A.S. past-President Robert Antler, became B'not Mitzvah at P.A.S. in 1993.

P.A.S. Bikur Cholim Caring Committee

The Park Avenue Synagogue Bikur Cholim Caring Committee reaches out in complete confidence to the ill, elderly and homebound in friendship and companionship through telephone calls and/or visits. If you would like to be contacted by one of its caring, dedicated volunteers, or know someone who might benefit from the committee's attention, please contact Rabbi Lincoln's secretary, Liya Eidya, at (212) 369-2600.

Solomon Schechter High School of New York Garner's Honors for Academics, Faculty, and Students

Solomon Schechter High School of New York entered its second decade this fall and looks forward to another year of unprecedented successes. Just ask Carol Kekst, P.A.S. member, and former SSHS-NY Chairman of the Board. A highlight of the school's curriculum is the college-credit Intel Science Research Program in which students team up with distinguished scientists to conduct extensive lab and research work at major institutions, including Columbia University, Mount Sinai Medical Center, and New York University. In October, 2002, SSHS-NY and the American Jewish

Committee jointly launched an innovative Israel-education curriculum to intensively educate students

about Israel's history, geography and politics so that they have accurate information when they reach

their college campus. Members of SSHS-NY's faculty have also been recognized nationally for their achievements. During the past year, an SSHS-NY math teacher was awarded a \$100,000 grant from the prestigious National Science

Foundation and an SSHS-NY Judaics teacher was awarded the prestigious Grinspoon-Steinhardt Award for Excellence in Jewish Education.

On October 23rd, SSHS-NY will begin the first in a series of Open Houses for parents and prospective students. For more information, please call LouElla Merin, SSHS-NY Director of Admissions at (212) 877-7747, ext. 225, and visit www.sshsny.org for further information.



Contributions

Bikur Cholim

Dr Paula Bernstein, in memory of Dr. Hermann Waldinger.
Phyllis S. Block, in memory of my long-time friend, Dr. Hermann Waldinger.
Floy & Amos Kaminski.
Mrs. Benjamin Levitt, in honor of her son, Colonel (Dr.) Morton H Levitt.
WEG, in memory of Dr. Renee Waldinger's beloved husband, Dr Hermann Waldinger.
WEG, in memory of the mother of Ketty Setton-Levantrosser, Rivka Medini.

Joan Cohen Scholarship Fund

Floy & Amos Kaminski.

Sarah I. Gelman Memorial Fund

Mrs. Evelyn Gelman, in memory of her beloved father-in-law, Abraham Gelman.

High School Food Pantry

Mrs. Mimi Goldfinger, in memory of my dear friend, Millicent Berman.
Mrs. Mimi Goldfinger, in memory of her beloved brother, Marvin A Livingston.
Floy & Amos Kaminski.
Dr. & Mrs. Samuel Katz.
Marlene & Philip Muskin, Mazel Tov to Ilana & Dror Ben David on the birth of their daughter.
Marlene & Philip Muskin, in memory of Steven Stone's beloved grandmother.
Marlene & Philip Muskin, in memory of Dr. Sol Feinman, beloved brother of Vivian Finkel.
Marlene & Philip Muskin, for the speedy recovery of Vivian Finkel.
The Solomon Family, in memory of David Altschuler, grandson of Sheila Kushner.
Dr. & Mrs. Louis Vogel & Alexander, condolences to Dr. & Mrs. Brian Kushner on the loss of their nephew, David Altschuler.

Krumholz Memorial Fund

Rosalind Sackoff, in memory of Elroy and Terry Krumholz.

Liturgical Music Fund

Mr. & Mrs. Marc Abitbol, in honor of Cantor David Lefkowitz.

Nursery School Fund

Mr. Julius Paige, in honor of his birthday.

Prayer Book Fund

Rabbi David & Dr. A. Frances Blumenfeld, in memory of Dorothy Goldman, mother of Roberta Zinbarg.
Mrs. Mimi Goldfinger, in memory of her beloved mother, Sarah H. Livingston.
Mrs. Mimi Goldfinger, in memory of Dr. Sylvia Friedman.
Marion Maidens, in memory of Dr. Hermann Waldinger, a friend of long-standing who leaves memories of good times shared.
Ronnie & David Parker, in honor of Joshua Parker upon his becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
Mrs. Jacqueline Simmon, in memory of her beloved father, Meyer Greif.
Ms. Susan Wasserman, in honor of her Aliyah on Shabbat Va'et Hanan.
Jacqueline & Bob Willens, in memory of David Landau's father, Sam Landau.

David Putterman Music Fund

Mrs. Babette Balis, in memory of her beloved mother, Julia Hoexter.
Elaine, Eric & Elliot Balis, in memory of their beloved Nanny Julia.

Welfare Fund

Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Bessinger.
Mrs. Patricia Fuchs.
The Solomon Family, in celebration of Jordan David Simon on his Bar Mitzvah.
Mr. Albert Sussman.

Synagogue Offerings

Dr. Herbert Abrams, in memory of his beloved mother, Ruth Abrams.

Mr. Albert Appel, in memory of his beloved father, Morris "Dick" Appel.
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Benowitz, in honor of their anniversary.
Mrs. Dale Berger, in memory of her beloved father, Alfred Koslow.
Mr. Murray Berman, in memory of his beloved wife, Millicent Berman.
Dr. Ronald Bland, in memory of his beloved mother, Rose Bland.
Mr. Alan Cohen, in memory of his beloved father, Samuel Cohen.
Mrs. Carol Cohen, in memory of her beloved mother, Estelle Yavers.
Mrs. Florence Edelstein, in memory of her beloved husband, Judge David Edelstein.
Mr. Bernard Feinberg, in memory of his beloved mother, Libby Feinberg.
Mr. Martin Fischer, in memory of his beloved mother, Frances Fischer.
Arthur & Phyllis Orlikoff Flug, in honor of Kurt Wimpfheimer's 90th birthday.
Mrs. Barbara Freitag, in memory of her beloved mother, Audrey Heller.
Mrs. Eugenie Fromer, in memory of her beloved husband, Leon Fromer.
Mrs. Patricia Fuchs, in memory of her beloved father, Jacob Prashker.
Linda, Jim, Eric & Alexander Gansman, in memory of our dear neighbor and friend, Mrs. Phyllis Cornell.
Mr. Harold Geringer, in honor of his birthday.
Mrs. Martha Gold, in memory of her beloved sister, Lillian R Klein.
Mr. Ira Goldberg, in memory of his beloved mother, Mildred Goldberg.
Mrs. Roz Goldberg, in memory of her beloved mother, Anne L. Samberg.
Mrs. Mimi Goldfinger, to the Officers, Trustees and Clergy, my sincere appreciation for their good wishes on my birthday.
Mr. Ernest Gottschalk, in memory of his beloved mother and father, Ida and Emil Gottschalk.
Mr. Charles Greenberg, in memory of his beloved mother, Esther Greenberg.
Dr. Katherina Grunfeld, in memory of her beloved mother, Gisela Klein Kroo.
Mr. Leon I. Heller, in memory of his beloved sister, Florence Rampil.
Mr. Fred H. Hill, in memory of his beloved daughter, Yvonne Hill.
Mr. Lewis Honig, in memory of his beloved father, Benjamin Honig.
Ms. Eveline Hunt, in memory of her beloved father, Bradford Portnoy.
Dr. Basil Hyman, in honor of his birthday.
Dr. Neal Kaplan, in memory of his beloved father, Samuel Kaplan.
Dr. Samuel Katz, in honor of his birthday.
Mrs. Rosamond V. Kaufman, in memory of her beloved mother, Esther Van Poznak.
Mr. & Mrs. Louis Klebanoff, in memory of their beloved daughter, Susan Telsey.
Mrs. Roma Korris, in honor of her birthday.
Mr. Stanley Kreinik, in memory of his beloved mother, Helen Zinn Kreinik.
Florence, Alley & Karen Lapidus, in memory of the beloved brother of Dr. Stanley Mersky.
Ms. Eleanor Lehman, in memory of her beloved father, Samuel Lehman.
Ms. Eleanor Lehman, in memory of Dr. Hermann Waldinger.
Alex & Lee Leon, in loving memory of Gussie Benjamin and George Leon on their Yahrzeits.
Mrs. Linda Levine, in memory of her beloved father, Harry Rothman.
Ms. Marian Levitt, in honor of her birthday.
Mrs. Lucy Lipiner, in memory of her beloved father, Abraham Mandelbaum.
Ms. Marjorie Wagner, in memory of her beloved father, Max Wagner.
Mrs. Carol Mandel, in memory of her beloved mother, Julia Hoexter.
Mrs. Sheila Miller, in honor of her birthday.
Mr. Martin J Milston, in memory of his beloved mother, Ruth Milston.
Mrs. Mendelle Milston, in memory of her beloved mother, Boscea Noble.
Mrs. Mendelle Milston, in memory of her beloved father, Max Noble.

Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Mittman, in honor of their anniversary.
Mrs. Janet Moss, in memory of Dr. Hermann Waldinger.
Mrs. Janet Moss, in memory of Ann Louise Levbarg.
Mrs. Janet Moss, in memory of Sima Stamler.
Mrs. Janet Moss, in memory of her beloved father, Dr. Oscar Wald.
Mrs. Janet Moss, get well wishes for Ann Fruchtman.
Mr. Stanley Nasberg, in memory of his beloved father, Abram David Nasberg.
Dr. Jacob L Oberman, in memory of his beloved mother, Dora Oberman.
Mr. & Ms. John Philipp, in honor of their anniversary.
Dr. & Mrs. Brian Pollack, in memory of Daniel Kohn.
Mr. Robert Price, in honor of his birthday.
Mr. Herman Rosen, in memory of his beloved father, Isidore Rosen.
Mrs. Laura Rubin, in memory of her beloved mother, Rose Hoffberg.
Alice & Irwin Scharf, in memory of Dorothy Goldman, mother of Roberta Zinbarg.
Mr. Robert Price, in memory of Doris Weiss, an exceptional woman beloved by all who knew her.
Mrs. George M. Shapiro, in memory of her beloved father-in-law, Samuel Shapiro.
Hon. & Mrs. Irving Shaw, in memory of Samuel Schertzer.
Mrs. Carol Silverstein, in memory of her beloved mother, Betty Chepenik.
Mrs. Diane Solomon, in honor of her birthday.
Ms. Irene Sommerfeld, in honor of her birthday.
Ms. Renee Stern, in honor of her birthday.
Mrs. Shahla Weiner, in memory of her beloved father, Haskel Rabbani.
Mrs. Elaine Weitzman, in memory of her beloved mother, Anne Samet.
Mrs. Tobie A. Wiesen, in memory of her beloved sister-in-law, Lillian Leff.
Ms. Irene Winkelman, in memory of her beloved sister, Ruth Winkelman Wender.

Tikkun Olam Committee for Community Outreach

Dr. Katherina and Dr. Paul Grunfeld, in memory of their beloved brother.
Mr. and Mrs. Amos Kaminski.

The Park Avenue Synagogue Bereavement Group

Those who have lost loved ones or friends will find support and understanding at Park Avenue Synagogue's Bereavement Group. The group meets monthly and is facilitated by Dr. Sheila Erlich, a licensed psychologist. For the remainder of 2003, meetings will take place on **Thursdays, October 16, November 13 and December 18, 4:00-5:00 p.m.** in the Family Room. Meeting dates for 2004 will be announced shortly. For additional information, please call Rabbi Kenneth Stern at (212) 369-2600.

October 2003 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Remember the Daily Minyanim Monday - Friday 7:15 a.m. Sundays and Legal Holidays 9 a.m. Sunday - Thursday 5:45 p.m. Saturday afternoons 6 p.m.			1	2	3	4
				11:00 a.m. Lunch 'n' Learn 6:30 p.m. ECC Parents	6:15 p.m. Friday Night Service 6:15 p.m. Light Candles	Shabbat Shuvah 7:30 a.m. Hashkama Service 9:15 a.m. Sanctuary Service Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Ian Rubin Guest Speaker: Rabbi Reuven Hammer 9:30 a.m. Havurah Service 10:00 a.m. Shabbat B'yachad 11:00 a.m. Nitzanim
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Erev Yom Kippur 1:30 p.m. Minhah 6:30 p.m. Kol Nidre Service 6:30 p.m. Toddler Service Light Candles Before Service	Yom Kippur 9:00 a.m. Service 11:15 a.m. Toddler Service 3:00 p.m. Yizkor	8:00 a.m. Talmud with Rabbi David Lincoln 11:00 a.m. Tuesday Topics Starts 12:00 p.m. Sisterhood Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Toddler Parenting Class 7:15 p.m. Immersion & Conversion Class	9:30 a.m. NS Admission Tour 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. CS Open School Night	11:00 a.m. Lunch 'n' Learn 6:30 p.m. NS Parents Meeting 6:30 p.m. General Education Committee Meeting	6:15 p.m. Friday Night Service 7:00 p.m. Congregational Sukkot Shabbat dinner 6:04 p.m. Light Candles	First Day of Sukkot 7:30 a.m. Hashkama Service 9:15 a.m. Sanctuary Service Bat Mitzvah of Isabella Blaze Newman 9:30 a.m. Havurah Service 11:00 a.m. Nitzanim 11:15 a.m. Tot Shabbat 12:00 p.m. Havurah Lunch in Sukkah 6:30 p.m. Young Couples Sukkot Dinner 7:05 p.m. Light Candles
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Second Day of Sukkot 7:30 a.m. Hashkama Service 9:15 a.m. Sanctuary Service 5:45 p.m. Service Men's Club Sukkot Dinner	Columbus Day 6:30 p.m. WEG-Sisterhood Sukkot Dinner	8:00 a.m. Talmud with Rabbi David Lincoln 6:30 p.m. Congregational School Sukkot Dinner	6:30 p.m. High School Sukkot Dinner	11:00 a.m. Lunch 'n' Learn 4:00 p.m. Bereavement Group 6:30 p.m. Family Education Sukkot Dinner	6:30 p.m. Hoshana Rabba Service Erev Shemini Atzeret 6:15 p.m. Friday Night Service 5:53 p.m. Light Candles	Shemini Atzeret 7:30 a.m. Hashkama Service 9:15 a.m. Sanctuary Service Bar Mitzvah of Evan Pearlstein Wacht Yizkor Memorial Service 10:00 a.m. Junior Congregation Service 11:00 a.m. Nitzanim 6:00 p.m. Erev Simhat Torah Service 6:54 p.m. Light Candles
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Simhat Torah 7:30 a.m. Hashkama Service 9:15 a.m. Sanctuary Service Honoring Robert Becker and Heidi Silverstone 5:45 p.m. Service	7:30 p.m. WEG Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. Class of '67 7:45 p.m. Cantillation Class 8:00 p.m. Bimah Basics	8:00 a.m. Talmud with Rabbi David Lincoln 6:30 p.m. NS Admission School Tour 7:00 p.m. Congregational Singers Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Men's Club Board Meeting 7:45 p.m. "Understanding Genesis" Class Starts	10:00 a.m. Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class 12:15 p.m. Parenting Toddler Workshop 6:30 p.m. ECC PA Welcome 8:00 p.m. "David" Class Begins	11:00 a.m. Lunch 'n' Learn 6:00 p.m. Art Exhibition & Opening 6:30 p.m. Education Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. Parsha Class	Children's October Birthday Celebration 6:15 p.m. Service 5:43 p.m. Light Candles	7:30 a.m. Hashkama Service 9:15 a.m. Sanctuary Service "Shabbat Morning Plus" Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Seth Parker 11:00 a.m. Nitzanim
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	8:00 p.m. Before the Stork 8:00 p.m. Book Discussion Group	8:00 a.m. Talmud with Rabbi David Lincoln 1:00 p.m. Sisterhood Membership Tea	12:15 p.m. Parenting Toddler Workshops 8:00 p.m. "David" Class	11:00 a.m. Lunch 'n' Learn 7:00 p.m. Family Education Lecture	6:15 p.m. Friday Night Service 4:34 p.m. Light Candles	The Edmond de Rothschild Library Hours: Mondays 3:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Thursdays 3:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Sundays 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Listings are accurate as of September 1, 2003. Dates & times are subject to change. Please check with the Synagogue office to confirm calendar information.

A Look Ahead

Rinah U'Tefilah: Song and Prayer

A Joyous Friday Night Service

Friday evening, November 7 at 6:15 p.m. (followed by a festive *Kiddush*). Put a song in your heart and a prayer on your lips! Experience a spiritual bridge between the hectic pace of the week and the serenity of Shabbat. Participate in uplifting songs, prayer and quiet contemplation in a service led by the rabbis and cantors and special musical guests.

The C.S. Parents' Association Book Fair is Coming!

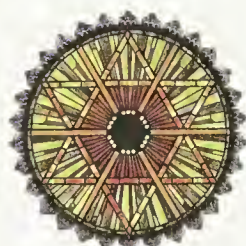
Save the dates—November 17 (evening kick-off honoring our Congregational authors), and

November 18, 19 and 20. Everyone is invited to the annual Parents' Association Book Fair on the Lower Level, when we will once again have a wonderful sampling of Jewish books, crafts, toys and music; the Jewish Museum will have fantastic Judaica for sale; and vendors will offer stationery and gorgeous jewelry! This will be a great place to do your *Hanukkah* shopping! In addition, you'll have the chance to come and support fellow congregants at special author appearances.

If you would like to support the Parents' Association by organizing, or volunteering at the Fair, please contact Rachael First, (212) 794-6555, rs1st@aol.com; or Susan Edelstein, (212) 517-6217, sam711@earthlink.net.

Save the Date for Mitzvah Sunday, November 23, 2003

Bring your family and friends to perform good deeds when the Synagogue community helps those in need, both here and in Israel. There will be something for everyone to do; participants can choose from many diverse offerings, including informal discussions with our clergy, crafts projects to benefit people in need, off-site visits and many other activities. Watch your mail for complete details.



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